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VISION AND THE SCARLET WITCH™



NO MATTER
HOW FAST THE
WHIZZER
RUNS--HE CAN'T
ESCAPE THE PAST!

THE BEING KNEELING BEFORE YOU IS THE VISION, A SYNTHETIC MAN, SUPPOSEDLY INCAPABLE OF EMOTION, OF FEELING.

WRONG.

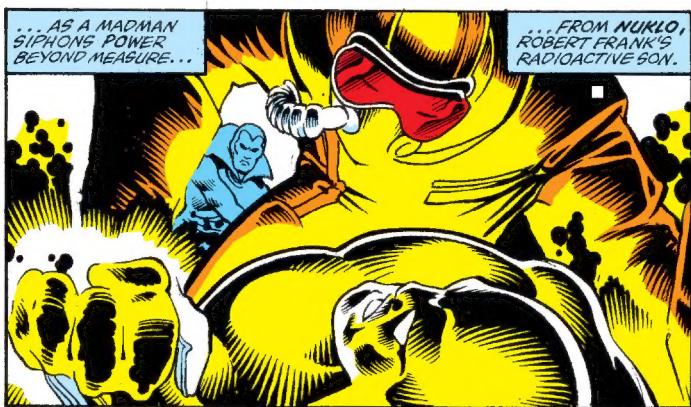
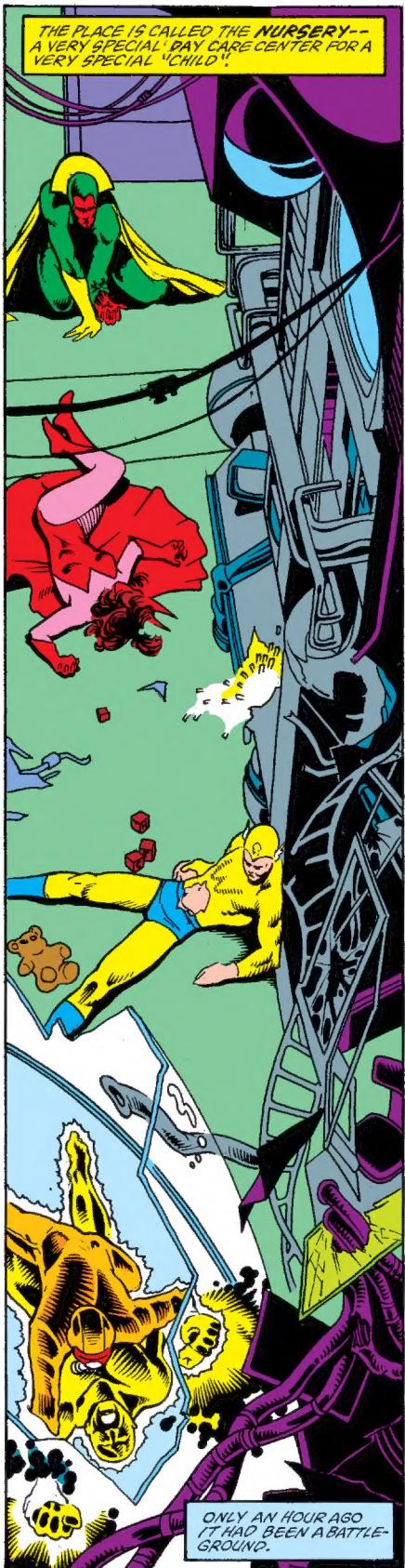
TODAY YOU ARE LOOKING AT AN ANDROID IN AGONY.

Stan Lee
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Faith of our Fathers

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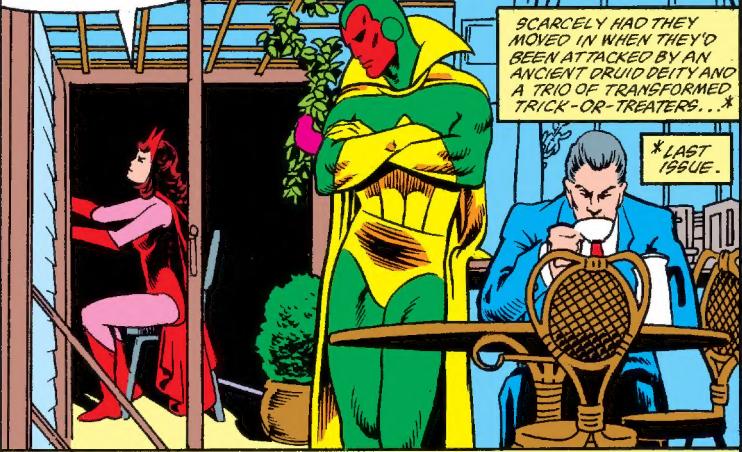
LEONIA, NEW JERSEY: IT WAS HERE THE VISION AND SCARLET WITCH CAME TO LIVE AFTER THEIR "RETIREMENT" FROM THE AVENGERS.



WE'VE ONLY BEEN HERE A DAY, PIETRO--

--BUT I MUST SAY IT'S BEEN RATHER EVENTFUL.

THE VISION MARVELLED AT HIS WIFE'S KNACK FOR UNDERSTATEMENT, UNEVENTFUL?



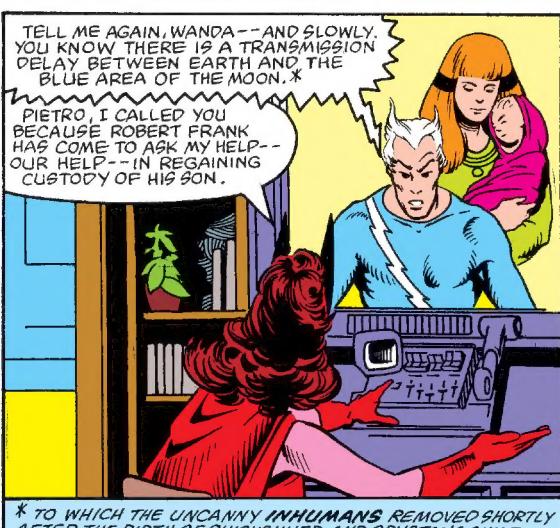
SCARCELY HAD THEY MOVED IN WHEN THEY'D BEEN ATTACKED BY AN ANCIENT DRUID DEITY AND A TRIO OF TRANSFORMED TRICK-OR-TREATERS...*

*LAST ISSUE.

...AND SCARCELY HAD THEY RECOVERED FROM THAT CONFLICT WHEN ROBERT FRANK HAD ARRIVED WITH A WHOLE NEW SET OF PROBLEMS.

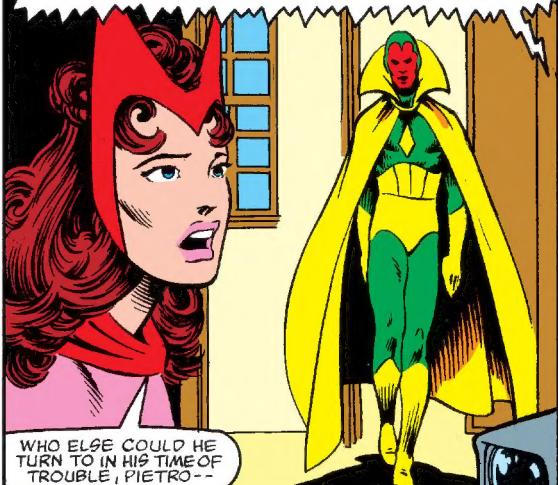
TELL ME AGAIN, WANDA--AND SLOWLY, YOU KNOW THERE IS A TRANSMISSION DELAY BETWEEN EARTH AND THE BLUE AREA OF THE MOON.*

PIETRO, I CALLED YOU BECAUSE ROBERT FRANK HAS COME TO ASK MY HELP--OUR HELP--IN REGAINING CUSTODY OF HIS SON.



* TO WHICH THE UNCANNY INHUMANS REMOVED SHORTLY AFTER THE BIRTH OF QUICKSILVER AND CRYSTAL'S CHILD.

FRANK'S SON IS NUKLO--THE NUCLEAR MAN--A RADIOACTIVE MUTANT! WHY WOULD FRANK ASK OUR HELP, WANDA?



WHO ELSE COULD HE TURN TO IN HIS TIME OF TROUBLE, PIETRO--

--THAN TO US...HIS SON AND DAUGHTER?

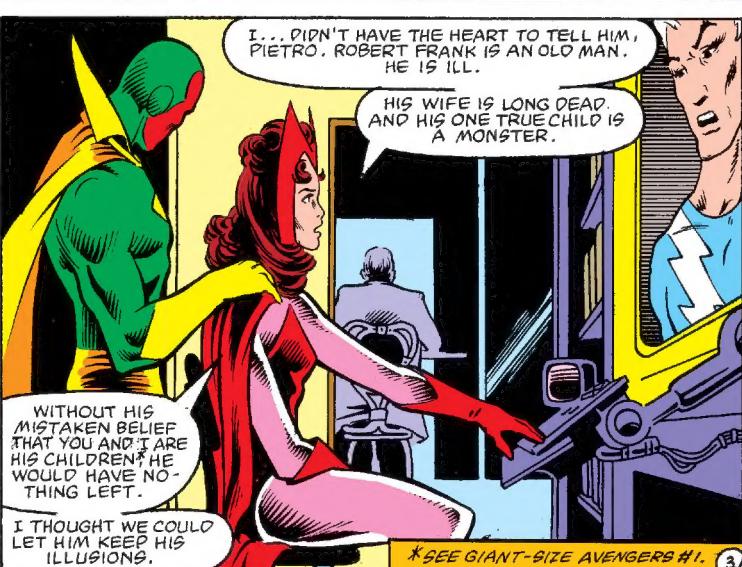
WHAT? I HAVE YOU NOT TOLD HIM, WANDA, THAT HE IS NOT OUR FATHER--

I...DIDN'T HAVE THE HEART TO TELL HIM, PIETRO. ROBERT FRANK IS AN OLD MAN. HE IS ILL.



--AS WE AND HE ERROUNEOUSLY BELIEVED BEFORE WE LEARNED THE TRUTH IN FAR-OFF WUNDAGORE!!*

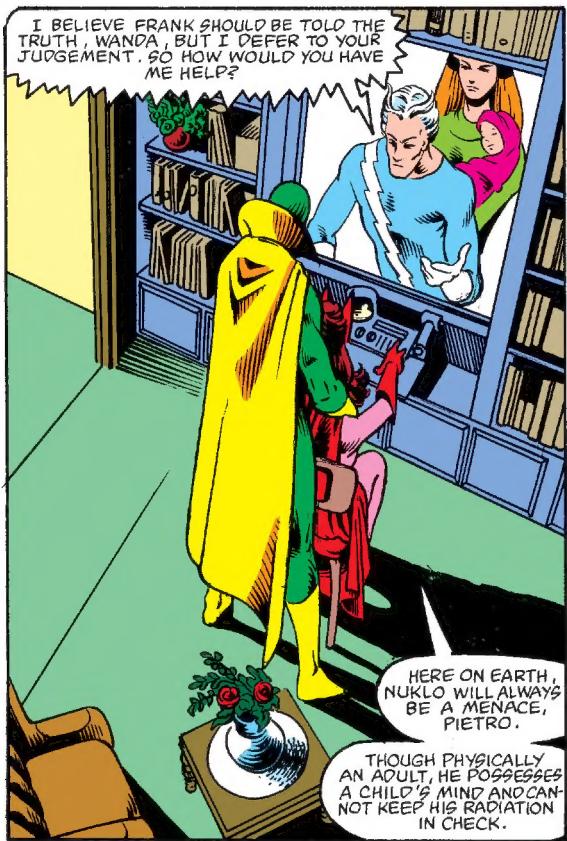
*SEE AVENGERS #185-187.



WITHOUT HIS MISTAKEN BELIEF THAT YOU AND I ARE HIS CHILDREN, HE WOULD HAVE NOTHING LEFT.

I THOUGHT WE COULD LET HIM KEEP HIS ILLUSIONS.

*SEE GIANT-SIZE AVENGERS #1.



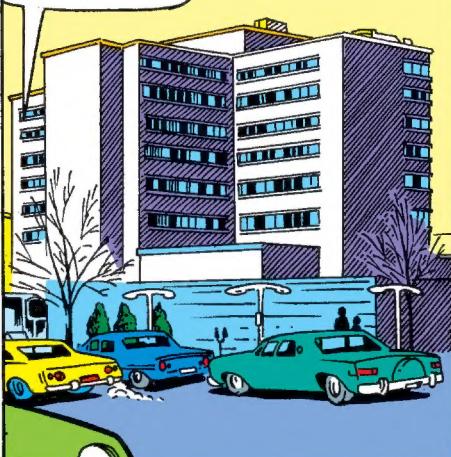






BEFORE: A CAB PULLED UP TO GENERAL HOSPITAL, UPPER MANHATTAN.

TWO AVENGERS
IN MY CAB! WOW!



GENERAL HOSPITAL

AND A VETERAN
OF THE ALL-WIN-
NERS SQUAD,
TOO?

YOU REMEMBER?

I'D NEVER GET SO
OLD THAT I'D FORGET
YOU, MR. WHIZZER!

TAXI

THAT CABBIE'S PRAISE HAD PUT ROBERT FRANK IN AN EBULLIENT MOOD.

SUPPORTED BY THE VISION AND THE SCARLET WITCH, AND SURE OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF HIS CASE, HE BURSTS INTO THE HOSPITAL.

HELLO, MR. FRANK. I'M DR.
LINDA HYAMS. I'VE BEEN
EXPECTING YOU.

WELL, I'M HERE--
WITH A COURT
ORDER! I WANT
MY BOY!

PUSH

PUSH

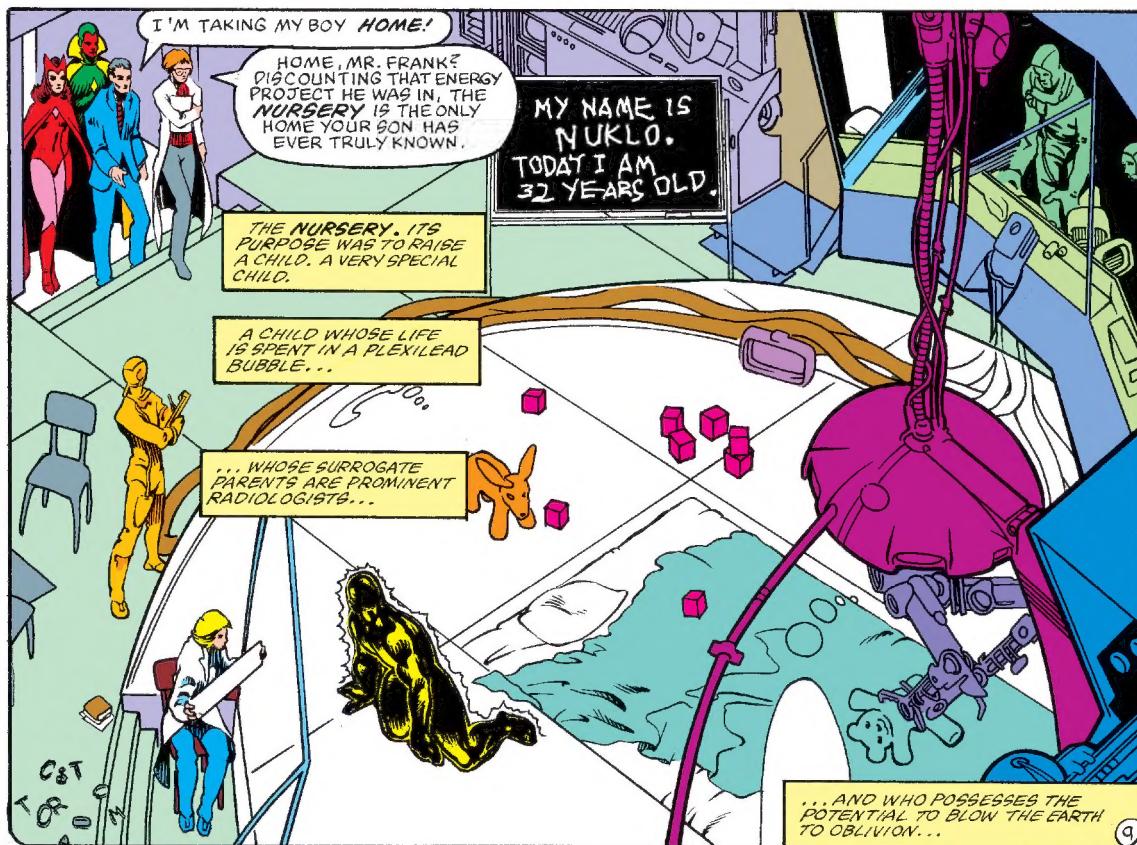
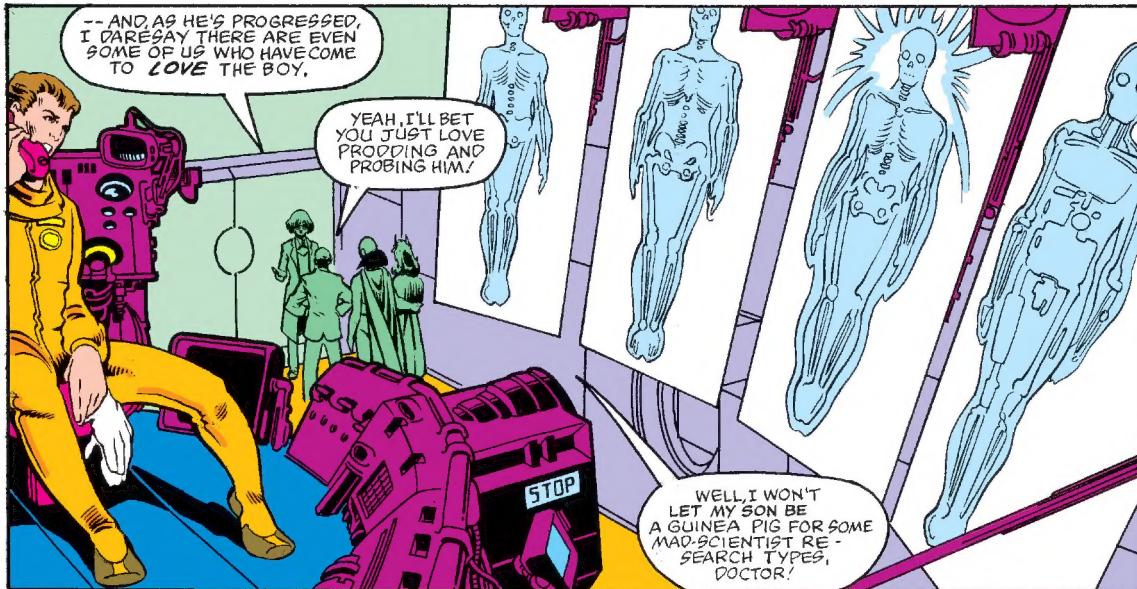
WE BEGAN PROCESSING NUKLO'S RELEASE AS SOON AS WE HEARD THAT FAMILY COURT HAD RULED IN YOUR FAVOR.



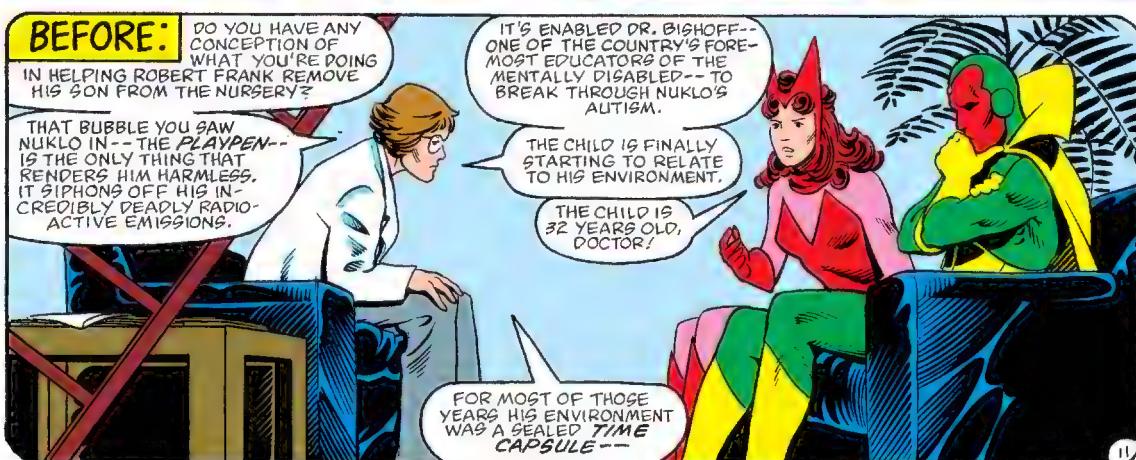
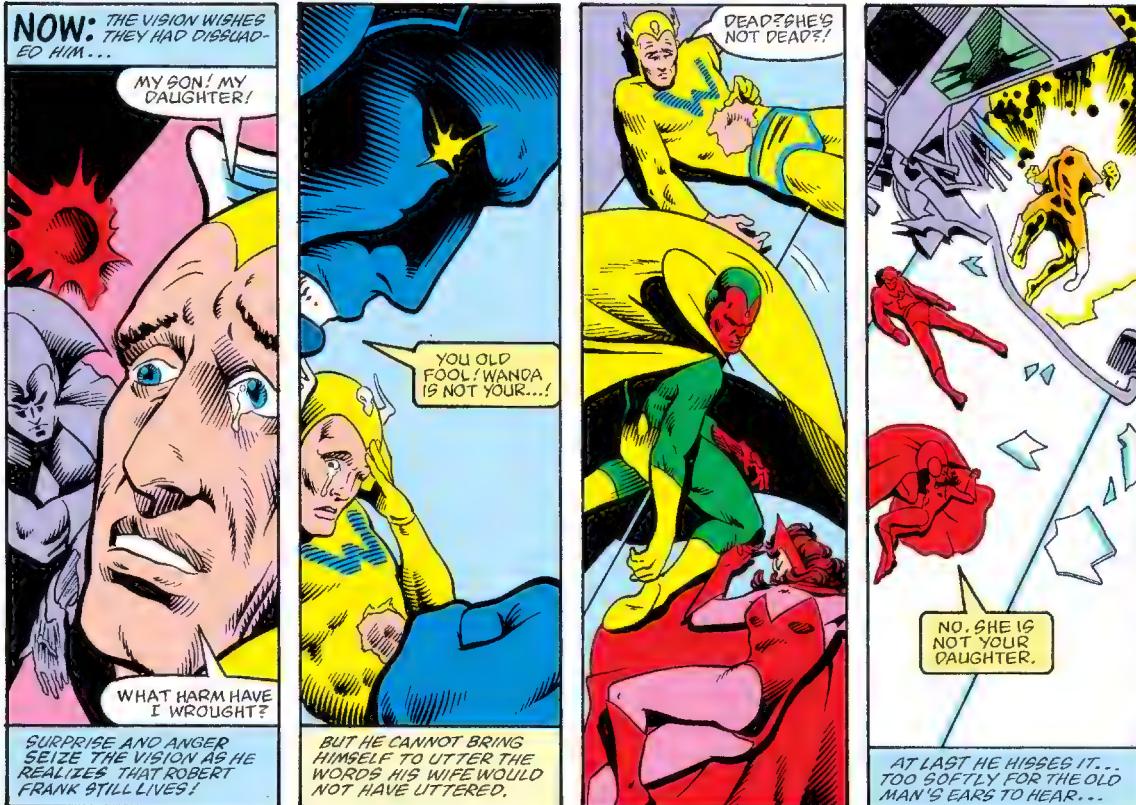
BECAUSE HERE AT GENERAL, NUKLO HAS RECEIVED THE BEST CARE MODERN RADIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY HAS TO OFFER, MR. AH...

MY HUSBAND IS JUST
CALLED VISION,
DOCTOR.









-- WHEREIN HE LAY 16-
NORED BY A WORLD WHICH,
UNABLE TO CURE WHAT IT
HAD CREATED, TRIED TO
FORGET HIM!

I KNOW NUKLO'S
HISTORY, MS. FRANK--

YES, DR. BISHOFF
HAD FOUND A CURE.

A CURE THAT
THREATENED TO
KILL THEM ALL.

-- BUT
YOU'RE TAKING
NUKLO AWAY
JUST WHEN
DR. BISHOFF
IS ON THE
VERGE OF
FINDING A
CURE!

A CURE? WHAT
KIND OF CURE?

A WAY TO NEUTRALIZE
YOUR SON'S DEADLY
RADIATIONS, MR. FRANK.

THEY TOLD
ME NUKLO
WOULD
NEVER BE
CURED.

"THEY" WERE
NOT DR. I.S.
BISHOFF.

LET HIM TAKE HIS
PLACE IN THE WORLD!

YES!
THAT'S WHAT
I WANT FOR
NUKLO!

TRUST ME,
AND SOON HE
SHALL HAVE
ONE.

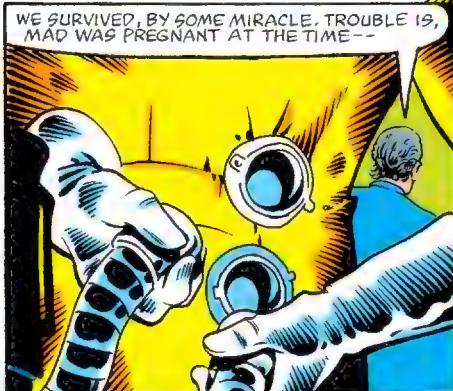
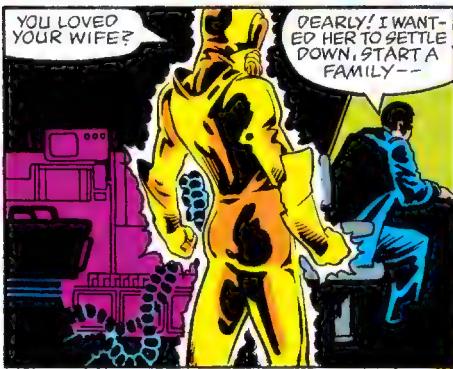
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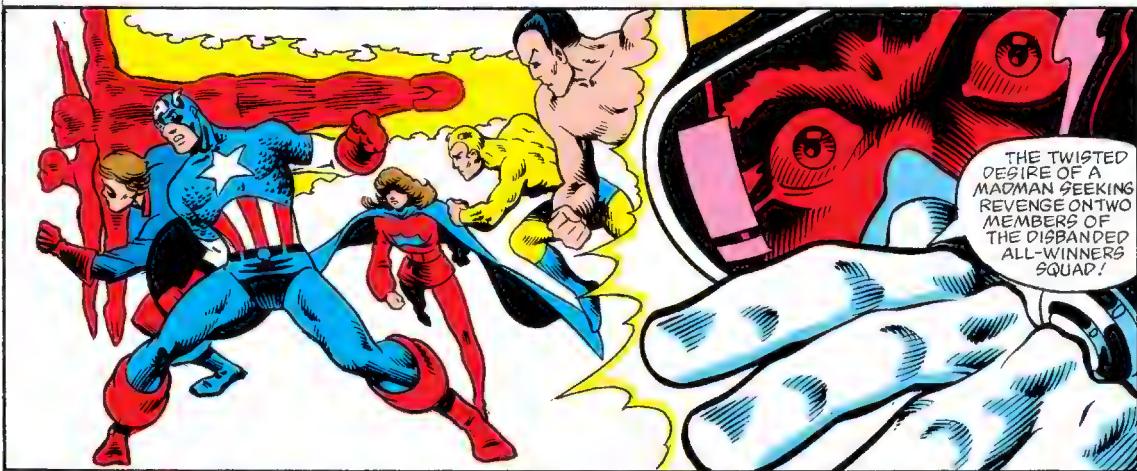
I HAVE BEEN
SLOWLY SIPHON-
ING OFF NUKLO'S
DEADLY ENERGIES.

BUT WHERE HAVE
YOU DISPERSED
ALL THAT RADIO-
ACTIVITY TO?

A NORMAL LIFE!

ALREADY
THE EMISSIONS
HAVE BEEN
HALVED.







WHOEVER ISBISA WAS, HE SPOKE TRUE. POWER FLOWED FROM THE WAILING NUKLO INTO THE VILLAIN'S RAD-SUIT.



WANDA WAS THE FIRST TO RESIST.



HER HEX-SPHERES AFFECT PROBABILITY FIELDS.

THEY SERVED TO RUPTURE THE CABLES SIPHONING NUKLO'S POWER AWAY TO STRENGTHEN ISBISA.

WITCH! I CRAVED MORE POWER! BUT EVEN NOW I HAVE ENOUGH TO FINISH YOU!



NO!

INTANGIBLE, THE VISION DIVED DOWN BENEATH THE NURSERY FLOOR...

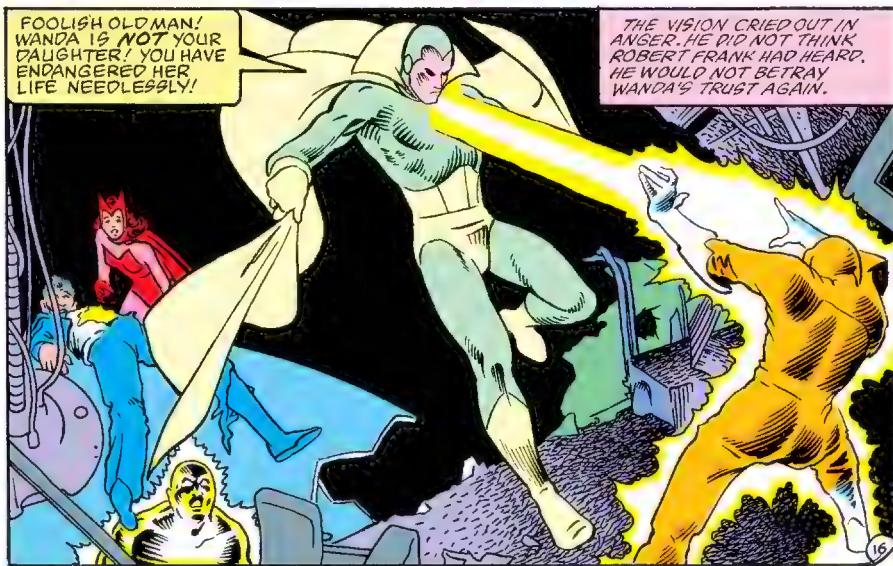


...AND ROSE UP HARD AS DIAMOND TO TAKE THE RADIATION BURST MEANT FOR HIS BEAUTIFUL WIFE.

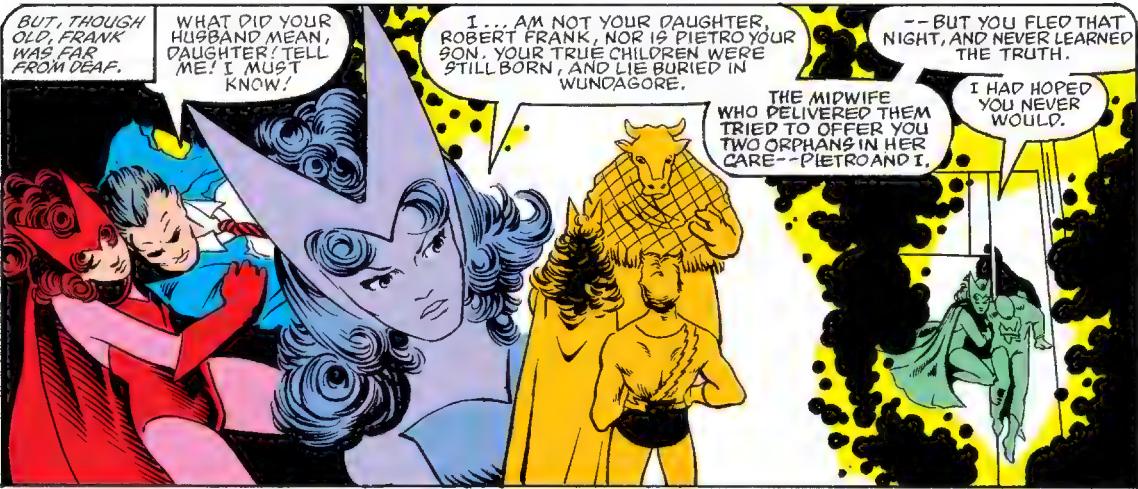
DAUGHTER...LEAVE! ISBISA IS...TOO STRONG! SAVE YOUR BROTHER... AND YOURSELF!



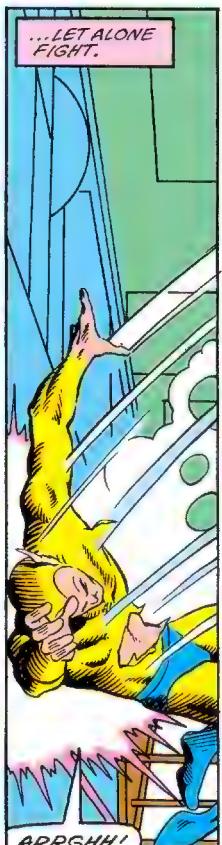
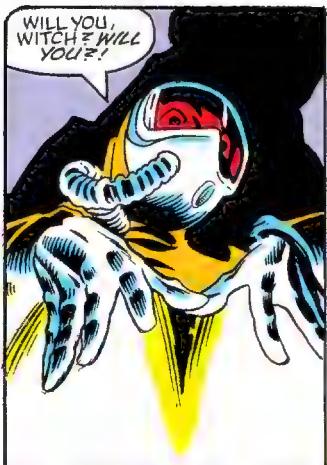
FOOLISH OLD MAN! WANDA IS NOT YOUR DAUGHTER! YOU HAVE ENDANGERED HER LIFE NEEDLESSLY!



THE VISION CRIED OUT IN ANGER. HE DID NOT THINK ROBERT FRANK HAD HEARD. HE WOULD NOT BETRAY WANDA'S TRUST AGAIN.

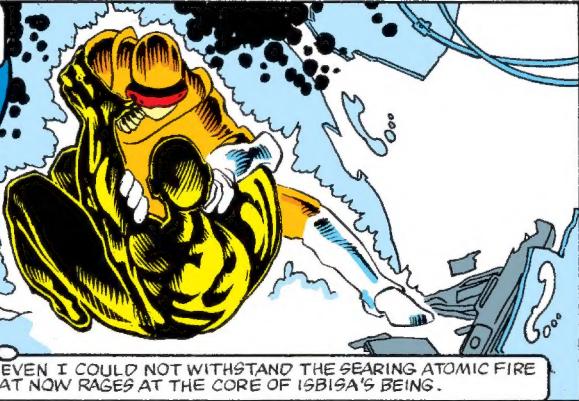






NOW:

THE PAIN IN MY ARM IS OVERWHELMING.
THOUGH I AM A SYNTHOZOID--A CREATURE
OF SYNTHETIC ORGANS AND PARTS--



--EVEN I COULD NOT WITHSTAND THE SEARING ATOMIC FIRE
THAT NOW RAGES AT THE CORE OF ISBISIA'S BEING.

MY LEFT HAND HAS MELTED. IT IS
FUNCTIONALLY USELESS. THE PAIN
IMMOBILIZES ME.

THEN I MUST CUT OFF
THE PAIN.

MADE BY A BEING WHO
HAS BEEN CALLED LOGIC
INCARNATE, A THINKING
MACHINE.

...OR SCREAMS IN SOUL-
RENDING AGONY AS HE
CAUTERIZES HIS OWN
WOUND!



MOMENTS LATER, THE SCREAMING STOPS.

IT... IS
DONE.

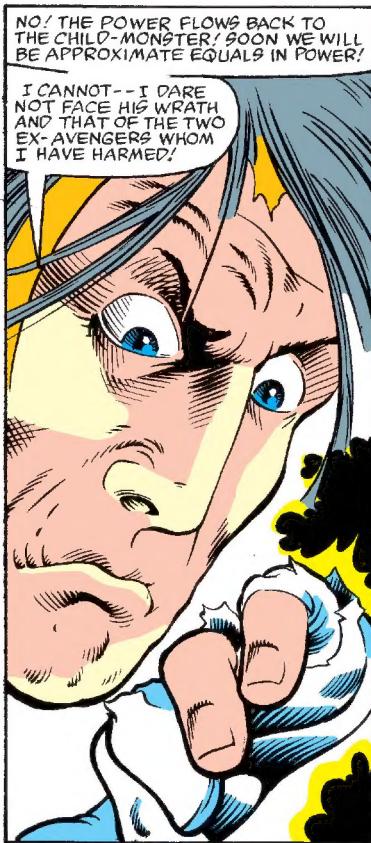
NOW...
I MUST
SEE... TO
WANDA.

THE SCARLET WITCH STIRS.

AT FIRST SHE DOES
NOT NOTICE.

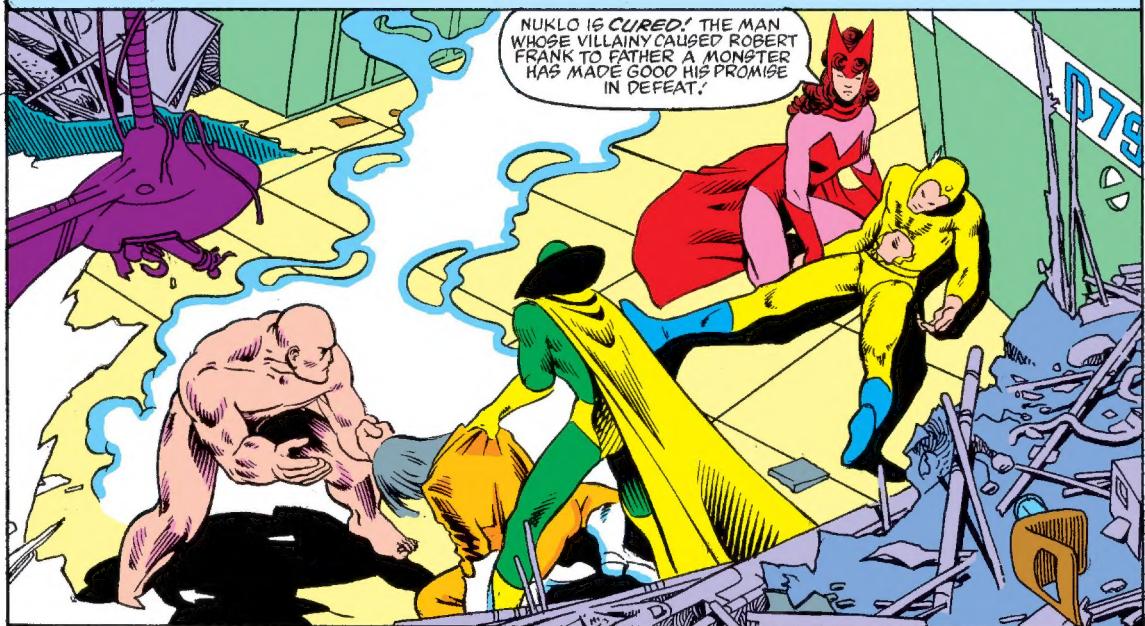


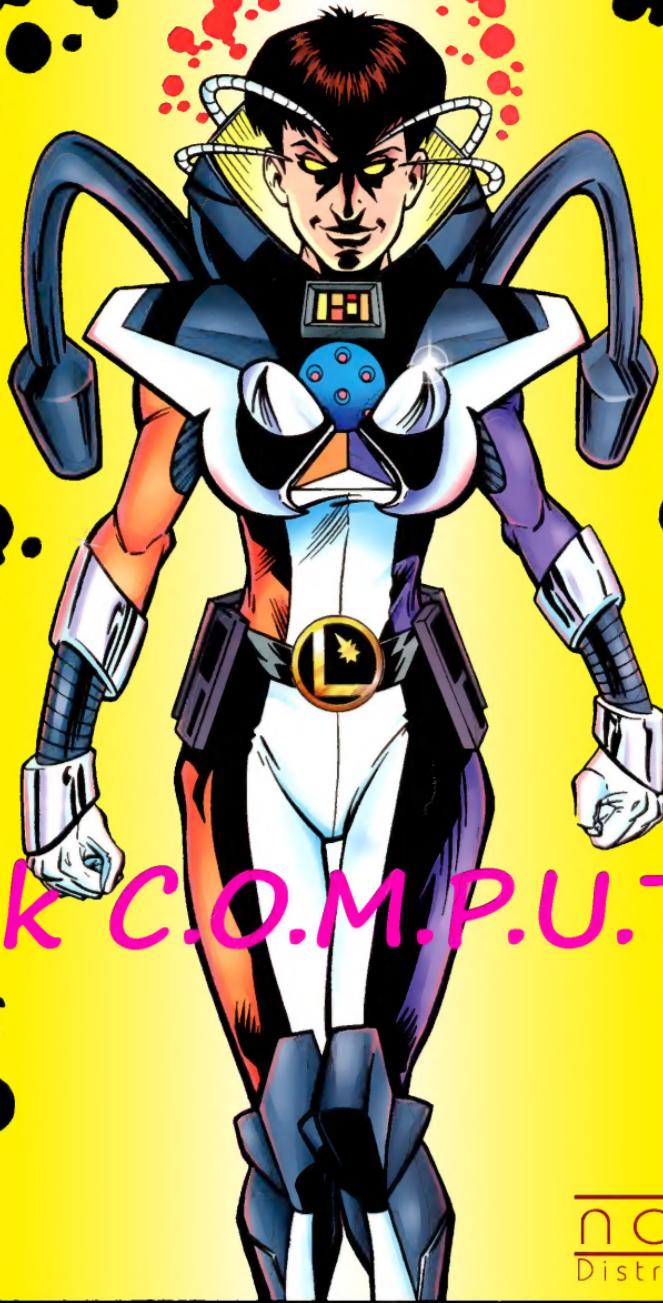
THEN THE VISION'S CAPE
FALLS ASIDE.



HE FAILS... BUT THE ATTEMPT HAS AN UNEXPECTED SIDE-EFFECT. IT TOTALLY SIPHONS BOTH ISBISA'S AND NUKLO'S ATOMIC POWER, LEAVING THEM... HUMAN!

NUKLO IS CURED! THE MAN WHOSE VILLAINY CAUSED ROBERT FRANK TO FATHER A MONSTER HAS MADE GOOD HIS PROMISE IN DEFEAT!





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